

NSC BRIEFING

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LAOS

- I. In Laos, negotiations between government and Viet Minh-backed Pathet Lao continue fruitless.
 - A. Necessity to prepare for national elections, set for 25 December, has compelled International Control Commission to move for settlement.
 - B. Premier Katay to meet with Pathet Lao chief, Prince Souphanouvong on 30 September in last effort to reach solution without ICC intervention.
 - C. If two leaders fail, ICC will present its own outline of agreement.
 - D. If either side fails to accept ICC proposal, that group will refer matter to Geneva powers.
 - E. Meanwhile Pathet Lao military position in two northern provinces is very strong; their forces have capability of eliminating government posts.

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